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Mobile PCs

Windows Vista makes it easier to use computers and networks while you're on the go. Connecting your computer to a variety of hardware and networks is faster, easier, and more secure than before, and synchronizing data between computers and devices is simple. Windows Vista incorporates many new features that are made specifically for the mobile user.

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Power management

As a mobile user, you might find it difficult to quickly tell how much battery power you have left, and you may be unaware of simple steps you can take to extend it. The Windows Vista power management user experience includes an updated, easy-to-find battery meter that tells you at a glance if you have enough battery life to get through the next few meetings-and lets you easily change your power plan to meet your needs.

Windows Mobility Center

As you change locations, networks, and activities, you can quickly configure your mobile PC to fit the situation. Key mobile-related system settings are collected in one easy-to-find place: Windows Mobility Center. Settings include display brightness, power plan, volume, wireless networking on/off, external display settings, display orientation, and synchronization status. PC manufacturers can customize the Windows Mobility Center to include other hardware-specific settings.

Tablet PC

The Tablet PC ushered in a new era of mobile computing: a single, fully functioning PC that works great at the desk, but is also practical and comfortable while on the go. With integrated pen support, touch screen support, digital ink input, handwriting recognition technologies, and innovative hardware, the Tablet PC is usable, comfortable, and productive in any place and at any time.

Windows Vista delivers significant improvements to the pen navigation experience with a focus on making the pen an even more powerful and useful device. You can assign key commands or actions to simple pen gestures called "flicks." The Handwriting Recognition Personalization Tool allows you to tailor recognition results to your own personal handwriting style. Support has also been added for touch screens. An example of this is the new Touch Pointer-a special tool for accessing right-click menus and targeting small pieces of the interface with your finger.

Windows Collaboration

Collaborating across groups can be hard. The common methods people use when they need to work together on a document are printing paper handouts, sending files to individuals by e-mail or Instant Messenger, uploading files to common network shares, or sharing a USB flash drive. Each of these methods has limitations and inconveniences.

Windows Collaboration allows groups to instantly and securely form a shared, common session for up to 10 people in the same room.

Using Windows Collaboration you can "project" your desktop or application to other participants or to any Windows Vista compliant Network Projector, share a file with a group in a common work area, and jointly edit the file. Even if a network connection is not available, you can effectively collaborate with others, using an ad-hoc mode.

Presentation settings

Mobile users often have to repeatedly reconfigure their computer settings for conference room presentations-for example, change screensaver timeouts or desktop wallpaper. To avoid this inconvenience, Windows Vista includes a group of presentation settings that you can apply with a simple click when you connect to a display device.

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Security

Security is fundamental to the Windows Vista architecture. You can achieve your business and computing goals with confidence, knowing that Windows Vista provides more protection against the latest generation of security threats and provides efficient centralized management of security features. With built-in system integrity assurance, Windows Vista helps prevent your data from being compromised by malware and spoofing. Windows Vista also enables you to protect the data on your company's PCs from unauthorized access should they be lost or stolen.

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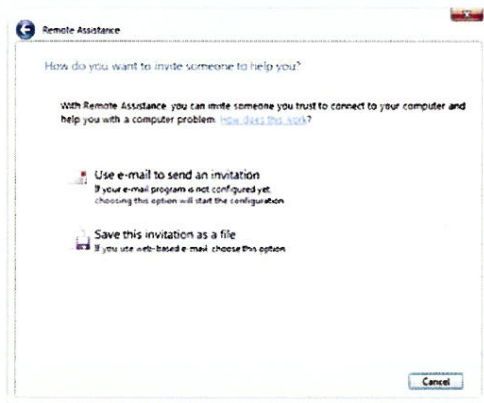Sync Center
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Help and Feedback

With a number of features to streamline problem resolution, Windows Vista is designed to provide better self-help and improve centralized tools for support professionals.

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Windows Vista itself detects, diagnoses, and helps you respond to common problems. But when incidents that require support do occur, Windows Vista provides centralized support tools and resources to quickly diagnose and resolve issues.

In Windows Vista, Remote Assistance is optimized for the enterprise, with faster performance, built-in diagnostic tools, and the ability to assist users at home, on the road, or from a remote location.

Remote Assistance

How do you want to invite someone to help you?

With Remote Assistance, you can invite someone you trust to connect to your computer and help you with a computer problem. How does this work?

Use e-mail to send an invitation
If your e-mail program is not configured yet, choosing this option will start the configuration.

Save this invitation as a file
If you use web-based e-mail, choose this option.

[Cancel]

Updated Remote Assistance makes it easier to get the help you need when you need it.

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Windows Internet Explorer 7

Windows Vista enhances the Internet Explorer experience. The upcoming release of Internet Explorer 7 not only adds important new security and privacy features, but makes everyday tasks easier through features such as tabbed browsing, inline search, and shrink-to-fit printing.

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New Internet Explorer 7 features, like tabbed browsing and live previews, make it easier for you to get to the websites you want to visit.

Internet Explorer 7 also provides new tools to give you direct access to information you want, with built-in support for web feeds known as Really Simple Syndication (RSS). RSS is a technology you can use to have information sent to you, so you don't have to look for it. Through RSS subscriptions, you can automatically receive feeds (lists) of headlines from Internet sites. Internet Explorer 7 discovers these feeds on sites and allows you to preview and subscribe to them. Once you subscribe, Internet Explorer 7 systematically consolidates headlines from each feed into one list. This lets you quickly browse new information from various sites without having to visit each site separately.

Windows Vista also builds upon the User Account Protection initiative—by default, limiting Internet Explorer 7 to just enough permissions to browse the web, but not enough to modify your files or settings—keeping your PC safer from web-based attacks. This Windows Vista-only feature, known as protected mode, means that even if a malicious site attacks a potential vulnerability in Internet Explorer 7, the site's code will not have enough privileges to install software, copy files to the Startup folder, or hijack the settings for your browser's home page or search provider.

Learn more about Windows Internet Explorer 7.

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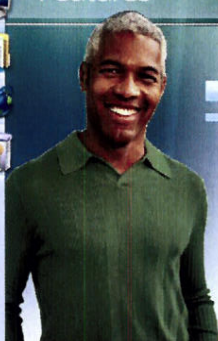
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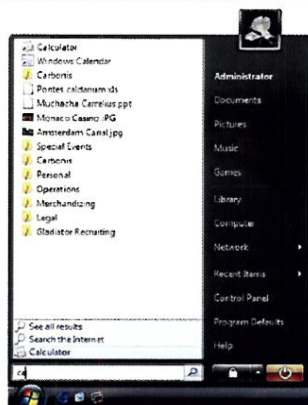Windows Update
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Search and Organization

Windows Vista gives you more flexibility when you search and organize your files. New controls, like the Quick Search box and Enhanced Column Headers, make it simple for you to manage large amounts of on-screen data in any way that you want.
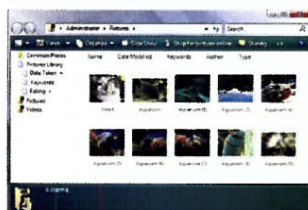
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Desktop Search

With Windows Vista, you no longer have to remember where you store every file. Instead, to find a file, you need to only remember something about it, such as a word contained within a document, the artist of a song, or the date a picture was taken. Powerful, integrated desktop search capabilities help you find just about anything on your computer quickly, without having to search for it by browsing through folders. For example, in the new Start Menu, it is as simple as typing a word, a phrase, a property, or any part of a file name into the embedded Quick Search box to instantly find the file that you want.

A new yet familiar look to the Start menu in Windows Vista.

To make searching even more efficient, Windows Vista enables you to add or edit file properties or data associated with a file, like a keyword on a document, the artist of a song, or the event where a picture was taken, to make it easier for you to find in the future. For example, you could add a "graduation" keyword to photos taken at a graduation ceremony when you save them to your computer. Later, just search for "graduation" in the Quick Search box in the start menu or the Windows Photo Gallery, and all the graduation-related pictures will be displayed.

Quick Search is available in any Explorer window, giving you easy access to your information anytime you need it.

Search Folders

Windows Vista introduces Search Folders, a powerful new tool that makes it easy to find and organize your files–wherever they may be on your PC. A Search Folder is simply a search that you save. Opening a Search Folder instantly runs that saved search, displaying up-to-date results immediately.

For example, you could design a search for all documents that are authored by "John" and that contain the word "project." This search, titled "Author John/Keyword Project" is saved as a Search Folder. When you open this Search Folder, the search runs, and you see the results immediately. As you add more files to your computer that have the author John and contain the word "project," those files will also appear in the Search Folder alongside the other matching files, regardless of where they are physically saved on your PC. It is simple and fast.

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